FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  COBEN LAWRENCE S     |  |          |            | NRO       | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NRG ENERGY, INC. [ NRG ]         |   |        |  |          |        |  |             |                     | eck all ap  | nip of Reporti<br>oplicable)<br>ector  | ng Persoi                                      | erson(s) to Issuer  |  |  |
|--|--|----------|------------|-----------|--|---|--------|--|----------|--------|--|-------------|---------------------|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| (Last)   | `  | ,        | ) (Middle) |           |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/03/2015 |        |  |          |        |  |             |                     |   |  | Officer (give title below)                     |   | Other (specify below)                                  |  |
| NRG ENERGY, INC.<br>211 CARNEGIE CENTER                        |  |          |            | 4. If A   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                     |   |        |  |          |        |  |             |                     | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person |  |  |   |  |  |
| (Street) PRINCE  | ΓON N.   | I 0      | 8540       |           |  |   |        |  |          |        |  |             |                     |   | For  | m filed by One<br>m filed by Mor<br>son        |   | •  |  |
| (City)   | (S   | tate) (Z | Zip)       |           |  |   |        |  |          |        |  |             |                     |   |  |  |   |  |  |
|  |  | Tabl     | e I - N    | lon-Deriv | ative S  | Secu  | ıritie | s Acq  | uired, [ | Disp   | osed of  | f, or       | Bene                | ficia   | lly Owr  | ned  |   |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transacti Date (Month/Day) |  |          |            |           | Execution Date,  |   |        | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8)  4. Securities Acquired Disposed Of (D) (Instr. and 5) |          |        |  |             | Secu<br>Bene<br>Own | mount of<br>rities<br>eficially<br>ed<br>owing  | 6. Owne<br>Form: D<br>(D) or<br>Indirect<br>(Instr. 4  | irect  | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |  |
|  |  |          |            |           |  |   |        | Code   | v        | Amount |  | A) or<br>D) | Price               | Repo<br>Tran  | orted<br>saction(s)<br>r. 3 and 4)   | (111541.4                                      |   | (111541. 4)  |  |
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share 08/03/20               |  |          |            |           | .015   |   | A      |  | 136      |        | Α  | (1)         | 6                   | 69,332(2)   |  |  |   |  |  |
|  | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)   |          |            |           |  |   |        |  |          |        |  |             |                     |   |  |  |   |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)            | vative Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security  Date (Month/Day/Year)  (Month/Day/Year)  Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)  Resolution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)  Resolution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) |          |            | Code (Ir  | of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |   |        | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Date Expiration Exercisable Date     |          |        | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr 3 and 4)  Amount or Numb of Title Share: |             | ount                | 8. Price<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)  | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 4) | Own<br>Forn<br>Direc<br>or In<br>(I) (Ir<br>4) | ct (D)<br>direct  | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |  |

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Represents dividend equivalent rights accrued on the reporting person's deferred stock units, which become exercisable proportionately with the deferred stock units to which they relate and may only be settled in NRG common stock. Each dividend equivalent right is the economic equivalent of one share of NRG common stock.
- 2. Includes 758 dividend equivalent rights.

/s/ Brian Curci, by Power of Attorney

08/05/2015

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Da

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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